

LONG LOOKED FOR ADVANCE UNDER WAY

French and British Partially Checked in Big Drive.

More Trenches Are Occupied in Champagne.

SMASH FROM LAND AND SEA

British Said to Have Lost One Warship Off Belgium.

Two Other English Battleships Declared Damaged.

GROUND TAKEN IS MAINTAINED

French Lose 5,000 Prisoners Says Berlin Report.

Russians on Eastern Line Slash With Old Time Zest.

Berlin, Sept. 27.—(via London).—The German war office announced today that the new offensive movement in the neighborhood of Lille, northern France, had been brought to a standstill by fierce German counter-attacks. The British attack on other sectors also is said to have broken down with very heavy losses to the attacking forces. The war office concedes, however, that the French offensive has made further progress between Rheims and the Argonne.

The Germans have brought up reinforcements in France and administered a partial check to the great advance of the French and British.

The tremendous struggle on the battle front in the west inaugurated Saturday with the new offensive movement by the entente allies has resulted in further successes for their arms.

Paris reports today that additional German positions have been occupied in the Champagne district, where in their initial drives, the French penetrated the German lines along a front of fifteen miles to a depth reaching in places as much as 2 1/2 miles.

All the gains made in the Artois section, where Souchez was captured and other advances scored, have been maintained, the French war office declares.

British Lose Warship.
The sinking of one British warship and the damaging of two others in the British attack on the Belgian coast in connection with the new allied offensive, is claimed in the German official report as received by wireless today from Berlin.

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BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

Natal Transport Shelled and Sunk Down by German Plunger.

Marseilles, Sept. 27.—The British steamer Natal Transport was shelled and sunk and the crew rescued September 17 south of Crete. Its crew of 24 was picked up and landed at Piraeus, Greece.

The Natal Transport was a steamer of 2,550 tons, net. She was last reported to have arrived at Port Said on July 15.

FIGHT GAS RAISE

Missouri and Kansas Utilities Commissions Plan Campaign.

Kansas City, Sept. 27.—Members of the public utilities commissions of Missouri and Kansas were to meet here this afternoon to discuss the gas rate question.

The meeting was called at the instance of John M. Atkinson, chairman of the Missouri commission. Its purpose is to decide upon a plan to block efforts of the receivers of the Kansas Natural company to raise the price of gas in the two states this winter.

HIGH LIGHTS IN EUROPE'S WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

The French and British war offices reported slight gains along the western front after severe attacks and counter attacks. Berlin declared there had been practically no change in position.

Petroleum issued a report from the Grand Duke Nicholas which confirmed the defeat of the Germans under General von Hindenburg in East Prussia. The Austrians, according to a Russian report, were retreating after a battle, and were being pursued into the Carpathians by the Russians. Another report from Przemyśl fell. A French battleship was sunk by the guns of the Austrian forts at Cattaro according to Berlin reports.

ALLIES ARE SLOWED UP, BUT NOT WHOLLY CHECKED

London, Sept. 27.—German reinforcements rushed to the western front throughout yesterday have blocked the weak spots in the Teutonic line and have slackened the momentum of the Anglo-French advance. But the most desperate efforts of the Kaiser's generals have been unable entirely to check the allied onslaughts, according to official dispatches from Paris this afternoon.

In the battle south of Lens and in the Champagne, the Germans have halted the French charges on wide fronts, this afternoon's communique indicated. Despite this stubborn resistance, the French, midway between Arras and Lens, have made important progress toward the Arras-Valencennes railway, the official communique reports, and they have made further advance in the Champagne region. The position captured on Saturday has been maintained.

Since the French re-occupied Arras on October 2, 1914, they have made determined efforts to reach the railway leading from Arras to Douai and Valenciennes, German supply bases. The Paris communique this afternoon reports French troops have fought their way through the Arras-Lens highway, north of Pheles, and are but six miles from this railway. The French evidently are moving in a westerly direction, aiming to reach the railway a few miles from Douai.

AGREE ON BIG LOAN

Bankers to Grant Half Billion Dollars Credit.

Foreigners, With Morgan Financier, Go to Chicago.

New York, Sept. 27.—Having reached an informal agreement with bankers of the eastern section of the country over the details of the proposed half billion dollar credit loan to be established here to Great Britain and France, members of the Anglo-French financial commission, accompanied by a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., arranged to leave today for Chicago.

Lord Reading, chairman of the commission, heads the party which expects to remain in Chicago several days, returning the latter part of this week. Basil E. Blackett, secretary of the commission, and two other members were to accompany Lord Reading.

According to one prominent banker identified with the negotiations, adoption of the tentative program by the bankers of the west and middle west assures its final adoption in its present state. With all parties acquiescing, ratification of the agreement will be sought from the British and French governments.

In its present shape, the plan for the loan contemplates a credit of approximately \$500,000,000, to be granted on joint Anglo-French five per cent government notes, which will be convertible, upon maturity, and at the holder's option, into similar bonds running fifteen or twenty years and bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest. The five year notes will be sold slightly below par so that the loan will realize approximately 5 1/2 per cent on its investment.

COTTON IN JUMP

January Contracts Up 35 Points in New York.

Bullish Sentiment Takes New Orleans by Storm.

New Orleans, Sept. 27.—There was a further advance in the cotton market today on a continuance of the active general buying movement which has been in progress for two or three weeks.

January contracts sold up to 12.45 in the middle of the morning, or 35 points above Saturday's closing figures and nearly \$17 per bale above the low level of last summer. This made an advance of nearly \$2 per bale over the closing figures of last Friday night and naturally attracted heavy realizing.

Cotton Soars in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Sept. 27.—Bullish sentiment took the cotton market by storm on the opening day, and January contracts advanced almost \$2 a bale, the gain at the end of the first hour of trading amounting to 26 points. Other months rose 32 to 35 points.

NAME WAR COMMITTEE

English Body to Supplant Cabinet's Dardanelles Committee.

London, Sept. 27.—Premier Asquith, it is announced, has appointed a special committee of the cabinet to be charged with general oversight of the war.

The committee, which is composed of the premier, Lord Kitchener, David Lloyd George, Arthur J. Balfour, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Lansdowne, Andrew Bonar Law and Winston Spencer Churchill, will act as a sort of executive committee, absorbing the functions of the cabinet's Dardanelles committee.

Denver Entertains Editors.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 27.—Editors of the newspapers and farm journals of the seven Rocky Mountain states and visiting editors from all parts of the country were guests of the International Soil Products Exposition here today. After they have been shown the beauties of the exposition they will be entertained at a banquet. Many of these editors will make journeys through the state, visiting the new Rocky Mountain National park and other places of scenic beauty.

TIDE OF BATTLE TURNS FOR ALLIES ON EVERY FRONT

Whole Sections of Franco-Flanders Front Riddled.

Berlin's Losses Since Saturday Estimated at 100,000.

RUSS CHECK AUSTRO-GERMAN

Slavs Recapture Villages, Take Heavy Toll of Prisoners.

Serbs and Italians in Successes; Bulgaria Hesitates.

BY ED L. KEEN.

London, Sept. 27.—The tide of war has turned for the allies on every front.

The greatest artillery onslaught of any war is blowing whole sections of the Franco-Flanders battle front to bits. The allied troops are smashing their way toward the railway line by

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which Germany holds her grip on Belgium and northern France. The German losses in the allied drive that began Saturday morning are believed to total more than 100,000.

Czar Nicholas has checked the German offensive in the east. Von Hindenburg has been thrown back in his attempts to reach Dvinsk and Riga.

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TO RECALL DUMBA

Austria Says It Will Yield to Wilson's Request.

Vienna Informally Notifies Penfield of Intentions.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Austria has informally notified Ambassador Penfield that it will recall Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador to the United States, as requested by President Wilson.

This information was given to Ambassador Penfield, when he informally advised Austrian officials on instructions from Washington that the United States sought the "recall" of Dr. Dumba and would not be satisfied with his departure on leave of absence.

Mr. Penfield was assured that the wishes of the United States would be complied with and that a formal note on the subject would be handed to him soon. Until the formal expression is in the hands of state department officials, they cannot act upon the ambassador's request for safe conduct. Dr. Dumba had engaged passage on the steamship Rotterdam, due to sail September 29.

Officials here refused to comment on the situation, making it clear that such information as they had received was of an informal nature, given in conversation, and that the decision of Austria as expressed in a note would be awaited.

GREEKS GETTING READY

Twenty Merchant Vessels for Transportation of Troops.

Piraeus, Greece, Sunday, Sept. 26.—The Greek government today requisitioned twenty merchant vessels for the transportation of troops.

KATY TO RECEIVER BIGGER GAINS IN 2 DAYS THAN IN 12 MONTHS

Western Railroad Is Placed in Hands of Court.

Unable to Pay Interest on Bond Issue \$25,000,000.

IT IS A KANSAS CORPORATION

Several Terminals Are to Be Found in This State.

Four Roads With St. Louis Terminals Now in Courts.

St. Louis, Sept. 27.—A receiver was appointed today for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad. The receiver was appointed by Elmer B. Adams, United States circuit judge, on the filing of two suits by the law firm of Boyle & Priest.

Charles E. Schaff, president of the railway, was appointed receiver. One of the receivership suits was filed by the Railway Steel Spring company of New Jersey, which filed a claim of \$16,000, and the other by D. E. Hussey, a tie contractor, who has a claim of \$120,018.

Suit a Friendly One.

The suit was a friendly one and the



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situation of the road was presented to Judge Adams by the railroad officers. A petition for a receiver of the Texas lines was filed at Dallas today.

The petitions on which the receivership was granted said that the M. K. & T. was unable to pay interest and the Texas lines were in default of a two-year 5 per cent notes, of which \$19,000,000 are in the hands of the public. These notes became due April 17, 1915. The company made arrangements for the extension of the notes for one year, except as to \$500,000 worth.

The petitions say that the Missouri, Kansas & Texas is a Kansas corporation under a mortgage of \$120,000,000, not counting equipment indebtedness.

Four St. Louis Roads.

Four of the great railway system which have their headquarters in St. Louis are now in receivership. These are the Missouri Pacific-Rio Mountain, the Wabash, the St. Louis & San Francisco and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas. Another road which has a St. Louis terminus also is in the hands of a receiver—the Rock Island.

The Wabash receivership is expected soon to end, as that road has been sold at foreclosure to a reorganization committee.

Combination of Many Roads.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway as it exists today, is a combination of several roads originally independent, and a peculiar fact in the history of the road is that some of its promoters intended to avoid St. Louis.

Today, St. Louis is the headquarters of the system and through trains operate from here to the large cities of Texas.

WORK FOR FARM HANDS.

The free employment bureau at the state house has a letter from Phillipsburg, Kan., announcing that farmers around Phillipsburg need twenty-five men to assist them thresh wheat and to do general farm work.

BIG WAR BULLETINS

Paris, Sept. 27.—The new offensive movement is continuing along the entire front in Champagne. The war office announced that further German positions had been occupied. The announcement also says that all gains in the Artois region, in northwestern France, have been maintained. There is intense cannonading between the Meuse and Moselle and Lorraine on the part of both the allies and the Germans.

Weather Forecast for Kansas, Fair tonight and Tuesday.

THE PREMIUM STAMP

Publisher Arthur Capper "Drops a Bomb" Into Merchants' Camp.

The Topeka Daily Capital Sunday morning certainly dropped a bombshell into the midst of the Topeka mercantile interests in coming out with a large amount of premium stamp advertising, reversing a business policy which had been in force in that office and directly in opposition to a vigorous campaign which it conducted nearly two years ago by daily articles to the effect that the premium stamp system was unsound from an economic and ethical standpoint and was certain to work detriment to the merchants of Topeka, if generally adopted.

To put the matter mildly, there is certainly quite a business earthquake, attended by various and sundry rumblings.

While many of the merchants are deeply moved over the situation, they had no general desire to talk, even about a change which so seriously affects their business in Topeka.

Perhaps a prevailing sentiment, which the State Journal herewith prints as a matter of news, is covered in a statement made today by C. A. Karlan, secretary of the Topeka Merchants Committee, who represented a majority of the leading retail merchants of this city. Mr. Karlan says: "I was very much surprised at the receipt of a circular notice from the Topeka Capital on Saturday, notifying me that all restrictions heretofore in force against trading stamp advertising would be removed on and after September 26."

I was especially surprised because in a letter dated January 3, 1914, Arthur Capper, publisher, wrote me as follows, addressing me as a member of the Merchants committee: "Believing that the Premium Trading Stamp System is unsound both from an economic and ethical standpoint, and that it is certain to work serious detriment to the retail business interests of Topeka if it is generally adopted, we are submitting to you the following proposal, viz.:

If you will secure the signature of a majority of the leading retail merchants of Topeka to an agreement that they will refrain from the use of trading stamps or premium schemes of any kind, we will bar from the columns of the Topeka Daily Capital all mentions of trading stamps or premiums given by retailers."

W. W. Whitney, manager of the Warren M. Crosby Co., said: "I was indeed surprised to receive a notice from the Capital Saturday morning that hereafter the bars were down to let in any and all premium stamp advertising, especially in view of the many attacks in the Capital last year denouncing premium stamps as an evil of wide proportions, doing injury to both merchants and customers. They seem to have had a change of heart."

As an echo of the "bombshell" the State Journal was obliged today to either refuse a large amount of advertising offered for today or reverse its principles on premium stamps. It chose the former.

OLD BOYS THERE

Forty-Ninth Annual Reunion in Washington.

Procession of Survivors of the Conquering Army.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The forty-ninth annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic began today with thousands of battle-scarred veterans of the Civil War participating.

The celebration, which will continue for a week, will be featured by a procession of the survivors of the conquering army from the capital to the White House in commemoration of the grand review which marked the close of the Civil war.

Many other interesting events are on the program.

It was a clear, crisp day for the veterans, thousands of whom gathered at headquarters for the dedication of the Camp Emory building. Addresses were made by Theodore W. Noyes, president of the Washington Oldest Inhabitants' association, and others.

Most of the day was given over to registration of the veterans. On the streets were seen many former Confederate army officers, especially invited to attend the reunion.

President Wilson issued an executive order for a holiday in all government departments Wednesday, when he will review the procession.

CANNON TO BORDER

U. S. May Sweep Danger Zone With Artillery.

Officials Seek to Curb Bandits Without Pursuit.

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 27.—Instead of crossing the Rio Grande in pursuit of Mexicans who invade openly, as they did last week, it was suggested here today that the use of mountain artillery may stop these attacks.

Apparently the use of these guns would not involve the danger of hostilities with Mexicans such as are threatened by pursuit across the border because the territory which cannot be swept has been declared officially free from the presence of any Carranza troops. Under the wording of orders Gen. E. B. Nafarrate, Carranza commander of this border, has issued, the Mexican side of the Rio Grande for several miles back from the river front, except at Matamoros and other river towns, is a no man's zone.

The order was intended, Nafarrate said, to keep his troops so far from the river that they could not possibly mix in the fighting with American soldiers. At the same time, this order was equivalent to public notification of all bad men on both sides of the international line, such as smugglers, deserters and fugitive bandits, that the zone along the Mexican side of the river is a refuge for them, because it will not be policed.

Continued killing of American soldiers has produced a bitter feeling among the American enlisted men, the body of Private Henry Stubbfield of Big Stone Gap, Va., was carried to the train here yesterday afternoon, soldiers lined the streets here, many of them in tears.

WILSON HOME TO VOTE

President to Princeton Tomorrow to Cast Ballot in Primaries.

Washington, Sept. 27.—President Wilson will go to Princeton, N. J., tomorrow to vote at primaries for New Jersey legislature. He will return to Washington in time to address the Grand Army of the Republic encampment tomorrow night.

KANSAS ISN'T IN FAVOR OF LOANS TOWARD DRUNKEN

Might as Well Give Money to Bankrupt Gambler.

According to Reports Coming to Bank Commissioner.

PLACED UNDER BLUE SKY LAW

Would Reveal No Promise of Return to Investors.

"Scheme Should Be Investigated"—Benson.

LET'S KEEP MONEY AT HOME

"Thank God, State Banks Can't Invest Their Funds."

Within One Year Worth Only 50 Cents on the Dollar.

That billion dollar loan to the allies is a matter of much concern among Kansas bankers and the proposition falls many votes short of unanimous favor in the central west. Out in Kansas, where wheat and corn and beef and pork are sold, there is grave doubt among the bankers as to the merits of giant loan, the collateral offered and the ability to collect after the loan is made.

W. F. Benson, state bank commissioner, believes that the proposition of loaning money to a bankrupt gambler to continue his speculations is fully as safe an investment as the billion dollar European deal. Benson regards the entire deal as coming under the provisions of the blue sky law and he sees nothing in the investment that promises a return to the investors. Neither the interest rate, the security or the probable ability of the borrower to pay excites the state bank commissioner. Such investments by conservative bankers, Benson believes, would result in closing their doors.

During the last few weeks Benson has talked with many prominent western bankers concerning the loan and has himself investigated the proposition. Not only is the state commissioner himself opposed to the loan, but he believes that if the late scheme in high finance is subjected to publicity and investigation that it will fail completely.

Difference of Opinion.

"There is a considerable difference of opinion existing among the people, also the banking and (Continued on Page 4)

FAIL WEATHER HERE

Rains in West Raise Rivers; Normal Temperatures Today.

Real fall weather is on tap today. The rain which was expected Sunday did not come and the temperature went up to the midsummer mark. This morning, however, the reading was 54 degrees, 14 degrees below normal. The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and Tuesday. The temperature will remain seasonable.

The rains west Saturday and Sunday morning have shown a return upon the Kaw river and this morning the river stands at 10.8 feet, a rise of three feet since Saturday morning. According to the station which the river will probably rise two feet more before the crest is reached.

Only a few scattered showers were reported in the state in the twenty-four hours up to 7 o'clock this morning, but heavy rains fell Saturday night and Sunday morning in the southwestern part of the state. Following are the stations which received the heaviest precipitation Saturday and the amounts at each station: Coldwater, 2.24 inches; Dodge City, 2.16; Liberal, 2.39; Manhattan, 1.04; Hays City, 1.49; and Hays, 1.89 inches. Rain fell from Topeka west to Dodge City.

Temperatures today have averaged exactly normal. The wind is blowing at 10 miles an hour from the south-east. Following are the hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock.....55	11 o'clock.....65
8 o'clock.....55	12 o'clock.....67
9 o'clock.....57	1 o'clock.....73
10 o'clock.....60	2 o'clock.....76

IRON PRODUCTION STILL GROWING

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 27.—Several additional smelters to be being "blown in" as a result of the activity in iron production here, the September output of which is expected to exceed by 16,000 tons the August production. Coke is becoming scarce, and the Virginia product is being called on. Coal is also feeling the effect the furnace operations and both output and movements are increasing.

GREEK MOBILIZATION WILL CALL 400,000 TO COLORS

Paris, Sept. 27.—Mobilization of twenty classes of Greek troops will call to the colors 400,000 men. This is the official figure given out by the Greek war ministry yesterday, as forwarded by the Athens correspondent of the Havas News Agency. The war ministry states there is an abundance of equipment and munitions for these men.

The correspondent adds it is unknown whether King Constantine will take active command of his forces. If he does not, his brother, Prince Nicholas, will be placed in command.